

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTITUTION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARDS AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country having Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Welfare Committee duly constituted under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, State- wise:

(b) whether there is any institution prescribed in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 to supervise and monitor adoption of children from children homes/shelter homes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) The information regarding status of implementation of various aspects of Juvenile Justice [Care and Protection of Children] Act, 2000 including setting up of Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Welfare Committees with Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is based on the feedback it receives from respective States/Union Territories from time to time. The same is available on the official website of the Ministry, viz. www.socialjustice.nic.in. The number of districts having Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee based upon information received from State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations may be seen at this website.

(b) and (c) The supervision and monitoring of adoption prescribed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 is guided by the provisions listed as under:

(i) The Child Welfare Committee shall have the final authority to dispose of cases for the care, protection, treatment and rehabilitation of the children.

(ii) No abandoned child shall be offered for adoption until 2 members of the Child Welfare Committee declare the child free for adoption.

(iii) The children's homes or the State Government run institutions for orphans shall be recognized as adoption agencies both for scrutiny and placement of such children for adoption in accordance with the guidelines issued by the State Governments from time to time.

(iv) In keeping with the provisions of various guidelines of adoption issued from time to time by the State Government, the Juvenile Justice Board shall be empowered to give children in adoption and carry out such investigations as are required for this purpose in accordance with the said guidelines.